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**A
HISTORY
OF THE
“MEISTER-ALLION”
FAMILIES**

*Their Emigration to and
Settlement in America*

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FOREWORD

It has long been an accepted truism that breeding counts in the human family as well as in animal. In the families more especially considered in this chronological history, there are mingled the blood of the fiery, decisive French (the Allions) with the grim stickto-itive of the Tuton (the Deningers, Vollmers, and Haags) and the rustic sympathetic integrity of the Swiss (the Meisters, Kellers and Warners,) all commingled into the sturdy, patriotic, loyal true American, who loves his home, loves his country, loves his fellowman and believes in the Golden Rule and puts his belief into practice.

It is well enough to love the land of our fathers but first of all, above all and all in all is the land that gives us our sustenance, that gives us our liberties, that protects our homes and our loved ones and makes possible our being what we are, our valorous, majestic grand U. S. A. May the decendants of the families herein concerned ever stand, in the future as in the past, for the valor, purity and integrity, of the old Red, White and Blue.

H. D. Meister

JACOB MEISTER

(a) To **Jacob Meister** and **Susan (Warner) Meister**, of Merishausen, Kanton Schaffhausen, Switzerland were born the following children:

1. John Jacob Meister.
2. Jacob Meister (Miller Yacob)
3. John George Meister (the sire of the strain covered by this history.)
4. George Meister.
5. Annie Meister.
6. Saloma Meister.
7. Susan Meister. (Mrs. Jacob Kibler.

JACOB KELLER

(a) To **Jacob Keller** and **Fannie Hirt (or Herd)** of Seiblinger, Switzerland, (miller by trade) were born the following children.

1. Barbara Keller.
2. Anna Keller.* (Mrs. Miller Yacob)
3. Fanny Keller.
4. Elizabeth Keller.
5. Margaret Keller (grandmother) and three sons, two of them died in infancy and the other met an accidental death after growing to manhood.



JACOB MEISTER

(b) **Jacob Meister** (miller **Yacob Sr.**) born 1791, died 1875 aged 84 years, married Anna Keller who died August 27, 1879, aged 96 years, 4 months, and 14 days, emigrated to this country about 1850 and located 2 miles north of Lauber Hill. To them were born:

1. Susan Meister Weber whose daughter married John Merillat.

2. Veronia Meister, wife of Jacob Shank, born April 2, 1815, died December 10, 1874.

3. Jacob Meister, Jr. No. 1, died in infancy.

4. Jacob Meister, Jr. No. 2 died March 18, 1895, aged 87 years 8 months and 5 days

5. Annie Meister, born 1818, died 1901.

6. Margaret Meister (Grately) born 1819, died 1908.

7. Saloma Meister, born 1821, died 1912, married Casper Weber, brother of H. Weber, Jeweler of Wauseon. then John Leu, then John Spengler.

8. Elizabeth Meister, married —Bollic of Toledo, then —Weber of Toledo.

JOHN GEORGE MEISTER

(b) **John George Meister** was born in Merishausen, Kanton Schaffhausen, Switzerland, October 4th, 1792. He was a hotel keeper by trade. Married Margaret Keller probably about 1811. Emigrated to America in the spring of 1834, sailing from Havre, France. They were on the ocean 60 days and landed in New York City, came direct to Wayne County, Ohio and in September of the same year, 1834, to Lauber Hill, German township, Fulton Co. Ohio, where he died August 18th, 1875.

(b) **Margaret Keller** was born in Siblingen, Kanton, Schaffhausen, Switzerland, July 3rd, 1792. Her parents were millers by trade. She married John George Meister, emigrated to America and died at Lauber Hill, Ohio, Nov. 22nd, 1872.

To John George Meister and Margaret Keller Meister were born the following sixteen children:

1. Susan Meister Keifer, born August 22, 1812, died December 23, 1893.
2. Jacob Meister, born 1813, died at Lauber Hill, aged about 21 years.
3. Fanny Meister, born 1814, died in Kanton Durgau, Switzerland, aged about 4 years.
4. George Meister, born September 29, 1815, died at Waterville, Ohio, September 1, 1862.
5. Anna Meister Zimmermann, born December 27, 1819, died at New Hamburg, Canada, August 16, 1872.
6. John Meister, born 1820 (?) died at Lauber Hill aged about 14 years.
7. Fanny Meister Goutchy, died in Butler Co. Ohio.
8. Margaret Meister Noward, born October 26, 1824, died at Waterville, Ohio, May 12, 1869.
9. Mary Meister Spangler, born July 5, 1826.
10. Elizabeth Meister, aged about 4 years died in Switzerland.
11. Christian Meister, born April 12, 1829, died at Whitehouse, Ohio, November 5, 1902.
12. Benedict Meister, born June 6, 1830, died at Lauber Hill, Fulton County, Ohio, May 11, 1888.
13. Daniel Meister, born September 26, 1831, died at Waterville, Ohio, February 8, 1901.
14. Elizabeth Meister, born 1832 (?) died at Rouen, France, during migration, aged about 9 months.
15. Joseph Meister, born July 5, 1834, died at Trenton, Ohio, November 28, 1881.
16. John Meister, born June 6, 1836, died at Lauber Hill, Fulton County, Ohio, April 29, 1879.



JACOB KIBLER

(b) **Jacob Kibler**, born September 8, 1791, died July 14, 1853, and Susan Meister Kibler emigrated to America in 1834, locating at Lauber Hill, Ohio. To them were born:

1. Mary (Maria) Kibler Zimmerman; married Daniel Zimmerman.

2. Jacob Kibler; married Elizabeth Yost.

3. Elizabeth Kibler; married Jacob Layman.

4. George Kibler, died May 12, 1864, aged 46 years, 5 months and 17 days.

5. Susan Kibler; married John Bernath.

6. Hieronemus Kibler, born October 14, 1821, died December 24, 1896; married Barbara Schlatter, born November 2, 1826, died January 4, 1890.

7. Melchoir Kibler, died at Maumee, Ohio, aged about 10 years.

DANIEL ZIMMERMAN

(c) To **Maria Kibler and Daniel Zimmerman** were born.

1. Jacob Zimmerman, born November 21, 1837, died November 10, 1903.

2. Elizabeth Zimmerman married John Meister, Apr. 18, 1860.

JACOB KIBLER

(c) To **Jacob Kibler and Elizabeth Yost** were born:

1. John Kibler born December 23, 1853, died September 9, 1903.

2. Emma Kibler Brehm, born August 24, 1861, married Henry Brehm (born Dec. 31, 1858) Jan. 5, 18
and two others who died in infancy.

JOHN BERNATH

(c) To **Susan Kibler** and **John Bernath** were born :

1. **Jacob Bernath**
2. **Elizabeth**, died, aged about 15 years.
3. **Anna Bernath**, (married **Christ Nofzinger**.)
4. **John Bernath Jr.**
5. **Mary Bernath**, married **Jacob F. Weber**.

HIERONEMUS KIBLER

(c) To **Hieronemus Kibler** and **Barbara Schlatter** were born:

1. George Kibler, born July 7, 1854.
2. John Kibler, born June 10, 1855, died Oct. 3, 1900.
3. Annie Kibler Ruibley
4. Willie Kibler, born Oct. 8, 1857.
5. Henry Kibler, born April 30, 1859.
6. Louisa Kibler Coss
7. Lydia Kibler Graber
8. Mary Kibler Gunyon

JACOB LAYMAN

Elizabeth Kibler married Jacob Layman. To them were born:

Susie Layman married Stock.
Elizabeth Layman married Peter Roth.

GEORGE KIBLER

(c) To **George Kibler** and **Kate Wyle** were born:

1. Jacob Kibler
 2. George Kibler
 3. Dave Kibler, born May 16, 1855; died May 10, 1917,
had 10 children.
 4. Mary Kibler
 5. Frank Kibler
 6. Susie Kibler
- Several died in infancy.

PETER KEIFER

(c) **Peter Keifer**, born December 9, 1804, died in Morrow Co., Ohio, March 1899 and Susan Meister were married at Steam Corners, Morrow Co., O., April 28, 1844. To them were born:

1. John Keifer, born April 23, 1845.
2. Ben Keifer, born December 20, 1847, died May 4 '84.
3. Sarah Keifer, born February 22, 1853.
4. Margaret Keifer, born December 16, 1855, died August 22, 1862.

JOHN KEIFER

(d) John Keifer married Hannah Baer (died March 1891) November 6, 1874. To them were born:

1. Son, lived 6 weeks.
2. Frank Keifer, born February 11, 1877.
3. Lavina Keifer, born July 2, 1882.
4. Clinton Keifer, died aged 4 months.
5. Lottie Keifer, born December 11, 1890.

BEN KEIFER

(d) **Ben Keifer** married Louisa Portner (born January 17, 1852, died June 23, 1900) April 18, 1875. To them were born:

1. Emma Irene Keifer, born January 16, 1876, married Clinton Reinhart. To them were born:
 1. Clyde Reinhart
 2. Tolley Reinhart

GEORGE MEISTER

(c) **George Meister and Magdalena Allion**, born 1816, died December 19, 1854, were married Feb. 25th, 1849. To them were born:

1. **Elizabeth (Meister) Wires**, born May 12, 1850, died April 4, 1900.

2. **Jacob Meister**, died September 27, 1854.

(c) **George Meister and Elizabeth Myers**, born July 12, 1823, died July 18, 1905, were married February 24, 1856. To them were born:

1. **Emma Sophia Meister**, born July 7, 1857, died October 10, 1862.

2. **John K. Meister**, born September 1, 1859.

3. **George K. Meister**, born December 17, 1862.

JOHN MEISTER

(d) **John K. Meister and Mary L. Moore** (born October 31, 1863,) were married August 8, 1880. To them were born:

1. **Emma Meister**, born August 21, 1881.

2. **Elma Gertrude Meister**, born March 1, 1890, died April 9, 1908.

EPHRAIM WIRES

(c) **Ephraim Wires**, born September 24, 1844, died June 19, 1900, married Elizabeth Meister April 8, 1878. To them were born:

1. **Barbara E. Wiers**, born May 18, 1879, died November 25, 1902, married November 25, 1899 to Chas. H. Ganet, born September 19, 1871, died May 29, 1908.

2. **Jacob F. Wiers**, born September 19, 1880.

3. **Bertha M. Wiers**, born October 9, 1882.

4. **Henry H. Wiers**, born April 30, 1885.

5. **Cora I. Wiers**, born October 21, 1886.

6. **Fanny Wiers**, born December 13, 1888, died February 26, 1889.

7. **Geo. E. Wiers**, born February 6, 1890.

8. **Mattie R. Wiers**, born July 27, 1894.



JOSEPH NOWARD

(c) **Joseph Noward**, born Lebanon Co. Pa., March 2, 1823 died July 9, 1905, and Margaret Meister were married 1851. To them were born:

1. John Noward
2. Maggie Noward, born April 10, 1853.
3. Mary Noward Lytle, born January 21, 1855.
4. Sam Noward, born October 9, 1857.
5. Elizabeth Noward, died age 9 years.
6. Joe Noward, born November 18, 1862.

WILLIAM LYTLE

(d) **Mary Noward and William Lytle**, (born January 1, To them were born:

1. George Lytle, born Mar. 3, 1878, died Oct. 21, 1916.
2. Burton Lytle, born March 15, 1883.
3. Ross Lytle, born Nov. 21, 1887.
4. Ivan Lytle, born May 8, 1890.
5. Harvey Lytle, born January 19 1893.

SAMUEL NOWARD

(d) **Sam Noward and Mary Lytle** (born January 21, 1859 died Jan. 1, 1917) were married in 1883. To them were born:

1. John H. Noward, born January 15, 1884.
2. Jessie May Noward, born December 11, 1886.
3. Earl Joseph Noward , born April 8, 1886.
4. Elnora Belle Noward, born December 10, 1895.

JOSEPH NOWARD

(d) **Joseph Noward and Orva Disher** (born November 24, 1868) were married September 2, 1889. To them were born:

1. Lloyd H. Noward, born December 25, 1890.
2. Myron Noward, born September 21, 1892.
3. Helen Noward, born June 15, 1895.
4. Lester Noward, born March 27, 1899.

CHRISTIAN ZIMMERMAN

(c) **Christian Zimmerman**, born in Butler County, Ohio, _____, and died near New Hamburg, Canada, _____ and Auna Meister were married _____

To them were born:

1. John Zimmerman
2. Lucinda Zimmermerman Smith
3. Christian Zimmerman
4. Christena Zimmerman
5. Lydia Zimmerman Hochstettler, wife of Isaac Hochstettler.
6. Anna Zimmerman, wife of Leonard Smith.
7. Magdalena Zimmerman
8. Elizabeth Zimmerman, wife of Christian Hochstett-
9. Sarah Zimmerman, wife of Jacob Weiker
10. Rebecca Zimmerman, wife of Dillman Stauffer.
11. Barbara Zimmerman, wife of Fred Weiker.

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Mary,
Lena
Joseph

HARMON C. SPENGLER

(c) **Harmon C. Spengler**, born at Buchthaler, Schaffhausen Switzerland, April 13, 1826, died at Burlington, Ohio, April 26, 1908, and Mary Meister were married March 9, 1848. To them were born:

1. John Spengler, born November 27, 1848, died October 6, 1856.

2. Mary Spengler Merillatt, born March 24, 1850, died November 9, 1908.

3. George Spengler, born October 6, 1851.

4. Louisa Spengler Waldyogle, born February 26, 1853.

5. Harmon Spengler, born March 28, 1854.

6. Henry Spengler, born August 3, 1855, died May 1, 1907.

7. John Spengler, born November 17, 1857.

8. Anna Spengler Yalkie, born August 4, 1859, died December 8, 1900.

9. Jacob Spengler, born March 19, 1861, died December 23, 1880.

10. Daniel Spengler, born January 7, 1863.

11. Christ Spengler, born December 20, 1866, died November 17, 1900.

12. David Spengler, born September 9, 1868, died April 20, 1871.

13. Frank Spengler, born October 27, 1871.

DAVID MERILLAT

Mary Spengler married Dave Merillat
To them were born:

GEORGE SPENGLER

George Spengler married Elizabeth Rufer (1876). To
them were born:

- 1 Edwin Spengler
2. Helena, married George Clair.
3. Jacob Spengler, born 1881.
4. Mary, married Gordon.
5. Florence Spengler McKinley.
6. Herma Spengler married Louis Engleman.

MELCHOIR WALDVOGLE

Louise Spengler married Melchoir Waldvogel, (
). To them were born:

HARMON SPENGLER

(d) **Harmon Spengler** married Susan Gaynor, Dec. 2 1875. She was born in Morrow Co., O., March 26, 1851, died May 16, 1904. To them were born:

1. Charles E., born Sept. 27, 1877.
2. Christopher H., born Feb. 8, 1880.
3. Amos W., born Aug. 29, 1881.
4. Alva G., born May 3, 1883.
5. George, born Mch. 2, 1885, died Sept. 18, 1885.
6. Elger J., born June 15, 1887.

Harmon C. Spengler and Mary Miller Lehman, (born Feb. 3, 1860) were married May 14, 1905.

HENRY SPANGLER

Henry Spengler married Elizabeth Tanner. To them were born :

JOHN SPENGLER

(d) John Spengler married Lydia Weber ()
To them were born :

John Spengler married Sarah Weber
To them were born :

ANNA SPENGLER

(d) **Anna Spengler** married George Yalkie,
To them were born :

DAN SPENGLER

(d) **Dan Spengler** married Menia Rufer in 1886. To them
were born :

1. William, born June 1887.
2. Walter
3. Ida
4. Edwin
5. James
6. Wilhelmena
7. Julia
8. Jacob
Harold



CHRISTIAN MEISTER

(c) Christian Meister married Mary (Polly) Allion, born August 8, 1835, died May 9, 1865. To them were born:

1. John G. Meister, born December 11, 1856.
2. Jacob B. Meister, born January 11, 1858.
3. Franklin P. Meister, born August 21, 1861.

(c) Christian Meister married Saloma Hirtzel, born February 21, 1837, died May 31, 1909. To them was born:

1. Anna Meister Doren, born October 13, 1871, died December 31, 1919.

JOHN G. MEISTER

(d) John G. Meister married Alta R. Nailer. To them was born:

1. Ruth Meister, born May 15, 1896 who married Roy Lehman.

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JACOB B. MEISTER

(d) Jacob B. Meister married Libby Christman.

FRANK P. MEISTER

(d) Frank Meister married Hattie DeMerritt, born August 10, 1865. To them were born:

1. Clyde M. Meister, born May 11, 1891, who married Ethel Fisher.
2. Charles L. Meister, born November 15, 1892.
3. Harry Meister, born October 1, 1895.
4. Elva Irene Meister, born January 2, 1898

ELI DOREN

(d) Anna Meister married Eli Doren, born January 19, 1862. To them were born: a daughter who died in infancy and Howard Doren, born August 8, 1896, who married Meril Hopwood. To them were born:

1. _____
2. _____



BENEDICT MEISTER

(c) **Benedict Meister and Anna Allion**, born April 19, 1837, died October 1st, 1879, were married near Whitehouse, Ohio, April 1st, 1855. To them were born:

1. Christian Franklin Meister, born January 18, 1856.
2. John Benedict Meister, born January 31, 1858.
3. Mattie M. Meister Bulger, born April 28, 1860, died August 11, 1896.
4. Christena Meister Sherer, born December 9, 1862.
5. Jacob George Meister, born March 22, 1865.
6. Margaret Amanda Meister, born June 26, 1867, died June 19, 1918.
7. Henry Daniel Meister, born September 9, 1869.
8. Ida Ann Meister Caine, born June 14, 1872, died November 10, 1916.
9. Amos Abner Meister, born January 22, 1875.
10. Lewis E. Meister, born April 24, 1879, died December 26, 1883.

(c) **Benedict Meister and Susan Ernst**, born at Mansfield, Ohio, August 12, 1843, were married at Lauber Hill, Ohio October 1, 1882. To them were born:

1. Sarah Elene Meister Barckert, born September 1, 1883.
2. Mary Elizabeth Meister, born July 10, 1885, died August 16, 1886.

CHRISTIAN F. MEISTER

(d) **Christian F. Meister and Nancy B. Winters**, born near Swanton, Ohio, March 7th, 1857, and died at Pettisville, Ohio, May 12, 1906, were married at Wauseon, Ohio February 25, 1879. To them were born:

1. Minnie May Meister Darby, born December 27, 1879.
2. Estella Ann Meister, born February 15, 1881.
3. Carrie Elizabeth Meister Netz, born January 22, 1883.
4. Ada Ella Meister Rupp, born December 11, 1884.
5. Susie Mary Meister, born May 19, 1887.

WESLEY NETZ

(e) Carrie E. Meister and Wesley Netz were married at Pettisville, Ohio, September 6, 1905. To them were born:

1. Iris Elizabeth Netz.
2. Paul C Netz, born May 13, 1908
3. Elmer George Netz, born November 2, 1910.

EZRA RUPP

(e) Ada Meister and Ezra Rupp, were married at Pettisville, Ohio, June 27, 1907. To them were born:

1. Constance Elizabeth Rupp, born May 16, 1909.
2. Margurite Cathrine Rupp, born December 15, 1916

JOHN B. MEISTER

(d) John B. Meister and Martha Fraker, born July 18, 1859, were married near Pettisville, Ohio, 1885. To them were born:

1. Ralph William Meister, born October 9, 1886.
2. George Elmer Meister, born September 20 1889.
3. John Benedict Meister, Jr. born April 16, 1900.

HAMON BULGER

(d) Mattie M. Meister and Harmon Bulger, (born January 19, 1845, died May 18, 1907) were married at Wauseon, Ohio, January 13, 1887.

FRANCIS SHERER

(d) Christena Meister married Francis Sherer (born June 1, 1861.) To them was born:

1. George Emmons Sherer, born August 30, 1888.

GEORGE E. SHERER

(e) George E. Sherer and Herma Rychener (born April 8, 1895), were married at Pettisville, Ohio. To them was born:

1. Athelia Sherer, born January 5, 1915.

JACOB G. MEISTER

(d) Jacob G. Meister and Milla Hayward (born October 9, 1871) were married in Morenci, Mich., May 11, 1879.

GEORGE H. CAINE

(d) Ida A. Meister and George H. Caine (born September 2, 1875) were united in Marriage May 1900. To them were born:

1. Alice Margaret, born July , 1903, died January 25 1905.
2. Janice Lida Ann, born January 18, 1906.

AMOS A. MEISTER

(d) Amos A. Meister married Belle Hartman (born at Pettisville, June 30, 1876). To them were born:

1. Kenneth A. Meister, born June 7, 1899.

PAUL J. MEISTER

2. Paul J. Meister, born November 18, 1900.

(e) Paul J. Meister married Florence Thomas, to them were born:

1. Ruth Evelyn Meister, born August 21, 1920.

CHARLES BARCKERT

(d) Sarah E. Meister and Charles J. Barckert, born at Brownhelm, Ohio, December 26, 1877, were married at Wauseon, Ohio, July 18, 1906. To them were born:

1. Irene Lucile Barckert, born August 6, 1907.
2. Charles Vinton Barckert, born May 2, 1909.
3. Ernestine Elizabeth Barckert, born October 1, 1912.

DANIEL MEISTER

(a) Daniel Meister and Sophia Myers (born died September 2, 1896) were married at To them were born:

1. Henry C. Meister, born



JOHN MEISTER

(c) **John Meister** and Elizabeth Zimmerman, born Feb. 25, 1840, died Feb. 28, 1911) were united in marriage near Pettisville, April 18, 1860. To them were born:

1. Mary Meister Murbach, born April 4, 1861.
2. Sarah Meister, born Jan. 19, 1865, died Apr. 30, 1917
3. Lucy Meister Miller, born July 24, 1867.
4. Samuel J. Meister, born Nov. 17, 1871, died June 20, 1906.
5. Matilda Meister Butler born June 29, 1874, died Oct. 11, 1910.

CASPER MURBACH

(d) Casper Murbach (born Mch. 20, 1857) and Mary Meister were married at Wauseon, O., in 1884. To them were born.

1. Carrie Murbach, born Feb. 9, 1886.

SIMON RABER

(e) Simon Raber was born June 6, 1880, married Carrie Murbach Dec. 21, 1904. To them were born:

1. Clayton Murbach Raber, born Feb. 6, 1906.
2. Lloyd Christian Raber, born Dec. 31, 1909.
3. Illa M. Raber, born Jan. 16, 1914, died Jan. 19, 1914.
4. Reva Mary Raber, born June 5, 1915.



LEWIS MILLER

(d) Lewis E. Miller, (born June 19, 1869) and Lucy Meister were married. To them were born:

1. Howard Emerson Miller, born April 28, 1895.
2. Georgia Elizabeth Miller, born Feb. 13, 1909.

SAMUEL MEISTER

(d) **Samuel Meister** and Grace Tedrow (born Nov. 18, 1871) were married March 15, 1894. To them were born:

1. Ruth Meister, born Nov. 24, 1900.
2. Frank Guy Meister, born March 14, 1903.



JOHN MEISTER

John Meister of Merres hausen, Switzerland, (cousin to Jonathan George Meister)

To them were born:

(a) John Meister, who went to Brazil, S. A., sometime, about 1848 or 1849—to Curitiba where he died sometime between 1890 and 1900. He had a family.

2. George Meister died in Merreshausen.

3. Michael Meister died in Merreshausen.

4. John Jacob Meister came to America in 1872, died about 6 years later at Meister homestead at Lauber Hill Ohio. One of his sons, John, resides in Toledo; the next-Mike, lives in Wood Co., O., and Jacob lives somewhere in Utah.

5. Jacob Meister died in Merreshausen in 1883. His wife was Urzula Meier. To them were born:

(b) John W. Meister, who came to America in 1875 locating in Franklin Twp., Fulton Co., Ohio. He was married to Catherine Gugerli of Canton, Zurich, of Switzerland also:

Jacob and George who still reside in Merreshausen, Switzerland.

6. Martin Meister, went to Curitiba, Brazil in 1860. He had a family.





The Allion Family

The ancestors of the family concerned in this history and chronology were residents and citizens of France and late in the 18th century they espoused the cause of the French Revolution. During the "Reign of Terror", which followed they left their native land and emigrated to Baden, Germany, locating at Auerbach near Karlsruhe. The autocratic military oppression of the Prussian government caused them to seek a new home and this time they turned their eyes toward America which to them was the land of promise, and to this land they came in 1832, locating in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, near the Maryland State line. Hearing of the golden opportunities that awaited settlers in the fertile valleys of Ohio. They immigrated to Richland County, Ohio, by ox teams in 1833, later coming to Lucas County and some of them to Fulton County.

MICHAEL ALLION

To Michael Allion and Elizabeth, Heiden, were born three children:

1. (Magdaleon?) Allion, who married— Seider. They had no children, but raised Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Jacob Allion, who married Philip Gai.
2. Jacob Allion, head of the family, more particularly concerned in this chronology.
3. Christpher Allion. (father of Fred Allion)

JACOB ALLION

(Sire of the strain more particularly concerned in this history).

(a) Jacob Allion, was a native of Baden, Germany, born December 16, 1783 and died at Waterville, Ohio, December 12 1890. He married Catherine Deninger, also a native of Germany. To them were born:

1 Elizabeth Allion who married Philip Gai. They remained in Baden. They had one daughter, Elizabeth and two sons.

2 Jacob Allion, born March 5, 1810, died April 5, 1890.

3 Kathryn Allion.

4 Mattie Allion Meister, born 1816, died December 19, 1854.

After the death of his first wife he married, March 12, 1820, Miss Magdalena Rau, daughter of Fredrick and Christina Haag Rau, of Auerbach, Germany, who was born January 29, 1799, and died at Waterville, Ohio September 7, 1874. They emigrated to America in 1832 and located in Franklin County, Penn., near Maryland state line, moving to Ohio in September 1843, to them were born:

5. Christina Allion Beis, born January 1, 1821, died March 16, 1910.

6. Anna Marie Allion, born January 30, 1822, died on the ocean July 16, 1832.

7. Mike Allion, born October 3, 1822, died June 20, 1904.

8. Margaret Allion Freed, born April 27, 1825, died April 16, 1911.

9. Rosana Allion Bies, born July 27, 1827.

10. Christopher Allion, died in infancy.

11. Caroline Allion Goodman, born August 30, 1830, died January 29, 1912.

12. Christ Allion, born February 23, 1833, died December 15, 1913.

13. Mary (Polly) Allion Meister, born August 8, 1835, died May 9, 1865.

14. Anna Allion Meister born April 19, 1837, died October 1879.

JACOB ALLION

(b) Jacob Allion, was born in Baden, Germany, March 5, 1810, died April 1890, Married Christiana Zupp, born June 20, 1818, died July 6, 1893, daughter of Peter and Maria Zupp, natives of France, who had emigrated to America. To them were born:

1. Jacob Allion

2. Elizabeth Allion, died March 1910.

3. Maria Allion, died May 1921.

4. Madeline Allion.

(three others dead)

(b) For Mattie Allion Meister, see George Meister.

(b) For Mary Allion Meister, see Christian Meister.

(b) For Anna Allion Meister, see Benedict Meister.

CHARLES BEIS

(b) **Charles Beis**, was born in Weisloch, near Heidelberg February 25, 1825, died May 21, 1895. He was the son of Frank H. and Mary (Ritzhoup) Beis, also natives of Baden. His mother died in 1831 and his father in 1847. He emigrated to America in 1851, and was united in marriage to Christena Allion Vogel, who previous to this had been married to Adolphus Henry Vogel (about 1841), who died in 1855, to whom were born eight children of whom but two survived: Heury Vogel and Christina Vogel Sipher, born March 18, 1853.

To Chas. Beis and Christiana Allion Vogel were born:

1. George Beis, born May 1, 1857
- 3 Benjamin F. Beis, born July 15, 1860
3. Elizabeth Beis Conaghan, born January 15, 1860

FREDERIC SIPHER

(c) **Fredrick Sipher**, (born March 22, 1840) died November 4, 1907) married Christiana Vogel, to whom were born:

1. Henry Sipher, born February 26, 1869.
2. Frank Sipher, born February 28, 1870.
3. Lewis Sipher, born December 3, 1872.
4. George Sipher, born February 23, 1880.

HENRY SIPHER

(d) **Henry Sipher**, married Henrietta Leshi, to them was born:

1. Fredrick Sipher born August 13, 1897, who married Anna Kutzley, to them was born:

1. Christiana Sipher, born August 5, 1919.

FRANK SIPHER

(d) **Frank Sipher**, married Daisy Cross, to them was born:

1. Carl Sipher, born January 21, 1896, was killed at Breyes, France, by a shell, May 2, 1918.

GEORGE SIPHER

(d) **George Sipher**, married Bertha Davy, born February 11, 1881, to them were born:

1. Annabelle Sipher, born April 29, 1906.
2. Betty Jane Sipher born December 20, 1917

GEORGE BEIS

(c) **George Beis**, married Anna Conaghan, to them were born:

1. Blanche Beis
2. Louis Beis
3. Nellie Beis.
4. Harry Beis
- 5.
6. Carrie Beis.

JAMES CONAGHAN

(c) **Elizabeth Beis**, married James Conaghan, to them were born:

1. Ora Conaghan, who married Wm Hill.
2. John Conaghan.

BEN BEIS

(c) **Ben Beis**, married Leah Sprow, to them were born:

1. Fern Beis, who married — Gyer.
2. Floyd Beis
3. Leta Beis

MIKE ALLION

(b) **Mike Allion**, married Margaret Geringer, born August 20, 1831, died June 7, 1907, to them were born:

1. Franklin Pierce Allion, born November 3, 1852.
2. Ben Allion, born December 21, 1854
3. Mary Allion Witte, born January 4, 1857, died August 30, 1888.
4. Caroline Allion Sutter, born March 16, 1858.
5. Mattie Allion, born January 8, 1860
6. Christ Allion, born January 4, 1862.
7. Jacob Allion, born May 29, 1867, died December, — 1884.
8. Henry Allion, born May 19, 1865, died March 15, 1883.
9. Willie Allion, born April 10, 1867.
10. John Allion, born May 8, 1869.
11. Charles Allion, born May 16, 1871.
12. Eliza Allion Roadarmel, born January 27, 1873.
13. Clara Allion Snyder, born October 21, 1874
14. Maggie Allion Wilson, born October 12, 1876.

FRANKLIN PIERCE ALLION

(c) Franklin P. Allion and Rebecca Shamp were married April 3, 1881. To them were born:

1. Lewis M. Allion, born October 5, 1882
2. Maggie A. Allion Winzeler, born March 7, 1884.
3. Harry W. Allion, born January 19, 1887.
4. Varnon Allion, born September 22, 1888.
5. Elmer E. Allion, born August 1, 1895.

LEWIS M. ALLION

(d) Lewis Allion, married Edna S. Kaiser, February 20, 1908. To them was born:

1. George Franklin Allion, born May 7, 1909.

MAHLON WINZELER

(d) Maggie A. Allion, married Mahlon Winzeler, November 17, 1903. To them were born:

1. Ida May Winzeler, born June 8, 1906.
2. Florence Irene Winzeler, born January 19, 1908
3. Leland George Winzeler, born October 18, 1909.
4. Laurence Franklin Winzeler, born May 16, 1913

HARRY W. ALLION

(d) Harry Allion, married Alice Ruffer, March 17, 1909

VERNON ALLION

(d) Vernon Allion, married Clela Chamberlin, June 30, 1912. To them were born:

1. Vivian Louisa, born March 19, 1916.
2. Lee Dwain, born September 30, 1917
3. Harley Heston, born July 27, 1919.
4. Ruth Lorain, born April 19, 1921.

BEN ALLION

(c) Ben Allion, married Lucy Haskins, born — died February 1885, to them were born:

1. Carrie Allion, born — 1882, died July 4, 1896.
2. Lewis Allion born October 24, 1884, who married Flora Karst, born September — 1888.

(c) Ben Allion married Mary Kelley.

WILLIAM WITTE

(c) Mary Allion, married William Witte, born—, to them were born:

1. Charles E. Witte, born April 11, 1875.
- Herman Witte, born—

CHARLES E. WITTE

(d) Charles Witte, married Jennie Garrett, to them were born:

1. Helen Witte
2. Hobart Witte
3. Richard Witte

HERMAN WITTE

(d) Herman Witte, married Genevieve King.

DANIEL SUTTER

(c) Caroline Allion, married Daniel Sutter, born February 4 1851. To them were born:

1. Lewis Sutter, born May 23, 1875.
2. Nora Sutter Wilber, born June 18, 1876.
3. Lottie Sutter Morrison, born February 14, 1878.
4. William Sutter, born June 22, 1880.
5. Carl Sutter, born January 6, 1896.

CHRIST ALLION

(c) Christ Allion, married Emma M. Stover, born Sept. 26, 1862, to them were born:

1. Homer Allion, born October 24, 1888.
2. Clara Marie Allion Winslow, born April 25, 1893
3. Harley M. Allion, born March 23, 1898.

HOMER ALLION

(d) Homer Allion married Gertrude May Deaunth, born September 22, 1888. To them were born:

1. Charlotte Grace Allion, born February 16, 1909.
2. Harry Wilber Allion, born August 17, 1911.
3. James Dale Allion born April 13, 1914.
4. Helen Rose Allion, born April 8, 1916.
5. Allen Allion, born December 21, 1918.

HARRY F. WINSLOW

(d) Clara M. Allion, married Harry G. Winslow, born —. to them was born:

1. Lester Winslow.

HARLEY M. ALLION

(d) Harley M. Allion, married Elsie Billing, born March 22, 1893. To them were born:

1. Horace Newell Allion, born October 27, 1920.

JOHN ALLION

(c) John Allion, married Lillian Schnider born — died — to them were born:

1. Cecil Allion
2. Howard Allion

(c) John Allion, married Ida Rulipaugh, born —, to them was born:

1. Earl Allion

WILLIE ALLION

(c) Willie Allion, married — born — to them were born:

1. Marvin Allion
2. Harvey Allion
3. Harley Allion
4. Harriett Allion

CHARLES ALLION

(c) Charles Allion, married Carrie Frence Wolforth, born July 6, 1870

McCURDY ROADARMEL

(c) Eliz. Allion, married McCurdy Roadarmel, born December 23, 1861, to them were born:

1. Bruce Roadarmel, born December 17, 1900
2. Iva Roadarmel, born September 16 1902.
3. Kenneth Roadarmel, born March 13, 1908

CLYDE SNYDER

(c) Clara Allion, married Clyde Snyder, born August 5, 1885.

WILLIAM WILSON

(c) Maggie Allion, married William Wilson, born —.

JOHN FREED

(b) Margaret Allion married John Freed, born February 4, 1821, died March 15, 1904, to them were born:

1. Mary Freed, born August 27, 1848
2. Rosan Freed, born August 29, 1850
3. Jacob Freed, born October 7, 1852.
4. John Freed, born January 5, 1854
5. Ben Freed, born June 5, 1856, died February 4, 1918
6. Caroline Freed, born September 1, 1860
7. Christ Freed, born January 7, 1863
8. Anna Freed, born March 30, 1865.

A. P. SKATES

(c) Mary Freed, married A. P. Skates (born May 1849, died September 17, 1883) to them were born:

- 1 M. L. Skates, born December 11, 1876.
- 2 Cora Skates Gee, born July — 1878
3. Lansing Skates, born March 12, 1881.

WM. GEORGE

(c) Mary Freed, married Wm. George (born May 3rd, 1846), to them were born:

1. Arthur George, born July 12, 1886
2. Ira George, born June 10, 1888

GEORGE BEIS

(b) Rosanna Allion, married George Beis, son of Frank and Mary Beis, born May 27, 1820, died February 27, 1895. To them were born:

1. Mary Beis Bradley, born April 25, 1852
2. Margaret Beis, born June 3, 1853, died October 19, 1860
3. Anna Beis Myers, born May 27, 1854, died August 26, 1880.
4. Caroline Beis, born June 29, 1855, died October 7, 1860
5. Lena Beis Snyder, born February 12, 1857.
- 6 Henry Beis, born April 7, 1858
7. Sarah Beis Myers, born November 17, 1858
8. George C. Beis, born September 12, 1861
- 9 Rosanna B is, born December 13, 1862, died May 1863.
10. Ludwig J. Beis, born August 10 1864, died June 2, 1881
- 11 Charles Beis, born January 2, 1867
12. Clara Beis Block, born May 13, 1870, died December 15, 1907.

ORVILLE W. BRADLEY

(c) Mary Beis, married Orve Bradley (born January 8, 1853), to them were born:

1. Mable Bradley, born March 5, 1880, died August 24, 1880
2. George W. Bradley, born April 17, 1881.
3. Vitalis E. Bradley, born July 16, 1882.
4. Gertrude E. Bradley Hayes, born October 8, 1883.
5. Anna L. Bradley Turner, born January 12, 1885.

6. Glenn C. Bradley, born October 3, 1886.
7. William H. Bradley, born January 7, 1888.
8. Charles W. Bradley, born September 11, 1889. died November 24, 1918.
9. Nellie C. Bradley, born May 31, 1891.

GEORGE BRADLEY

(d) George Bradley married Addie Harted born May 13, 1888. To them were born:

1. Gertrude Bradley
2. Betty Bradley
3. Jane Bradley

VITALIS BRADLEY

(d) Talis Bradley married Emma Studer, born July 19-1881. To them were born:

1. Mary L. Bradley
2. Helen A. Bradley
3. Robert O. Bradley
4. Berne Bradley
5. Louise Bradley
6. Ernest Bradley

ERNEST HAYES

(d) Gertrude Bradley married Ernest Hayes, born March 17, 1885. To them were born:

1. Mary L. Hayes
2. Harriet Hayes

CHARLES V. TURNER

(d) Anna Bradley married Chas. Turner born January 7, 1882.

GLEN BRADLEY

(d) Glenn Bradley married Berne Hayes, born March 26, 1890.

WM H. BRADLEY

(d) William H. Bradley married Helen Christman, born April— 1898. To them were born:

1. Evelyn Bradley

CHARLES BRADLEY

(d) Charles Bradley married Gladys Canfield born July 26, 1891.

AMOS MYERS

(c) Anna Beis, married Amos Myers, to the were born :

1. Vitalis Myers, who enlisted in the French Army during the World War.

2. Harrold Myers, who married Elvira Asmus, to them was born, Marian Myers.

(c) Amos Myers, married Sarah Beis.

PETER SNYDER

(c) Lena Beis, married Pete Snyder, to them were born :

1. Sylvan Snyder, born March 13, 1891, who married Hilda Seyfang.

2. Harvy O. Snyder born April 23, 1893.

HENRY BEIS

(c) Henry Beis, married Cora Slatts Keener, born —

GEORGE BEIS

(c) George Beis, married Lucinda Zerbe, to them were born :

1. George Beis

2. Jennette Beis.

3. Mary Elizabeth Beis.

CHARLES BEIS

(c) Charles Beis, married Lila Gibbin Penfield, to them were born :

1. Eleta Rosana Beis, who married Noah Finacle.

2. Chester M. Beis.

WM. H. BLOCK

(c) Clara Beis, married Wm. H. Block, to them were born :

1. Nellie Berneta Block.

2. Henry Beis Block.

MICHAEL GOODMAN

(b) Caroline Allion, married Mike Goodman, born Feb. 16, 1830, died Sept. 15, 1907, to them were born:

1. Mary Goodman Landis, born May 16, 1853.
2. Lucinda Goodman, born Oct. 19, 1855, died April 25 1864.

3. Louis Goodman, born March 6, 1862.

4. Clara Goodman Hurley, born Feb. 26, 1865

HENRY LANDIS

(c- Mary Goodman, married Henry Landis, born —.

CHRIST ALLION

(b) Christ Allion married Eliza Marzolf, born in Erie County, N. Y., December 25, 1835, died December 13. 1913, to them were born:

1. Jacob Allion, born January 4, 1863.

2. John Allion, born April 9, 1864

3. Ben Allion, born September 20, 1865.

4. George Allion, born September 9, 1867.

5. Dan Allion, born April 5, 1869.

6. Sam Allion, born January 30, 1871.

7. Lena Allion Corkle, born October 14, 1872.

8. Sarah Allion Shaffner, born February 14, 1877.

JACOB ALLION

(c) Jacob Allion, married Jennie Pomeroy, born July 21, 1836, died November 23 1897, to them was born:

Helen Allion, born November 13, 1895, whom married Vern Wagner, born August 1, 1893, to them were born:

1. Paul Wagner, born January 25, 1916.

2. Margaret Wagner, born January 29, 1918.

3. Ruth Wagner, born May 1, 1921.

JOHN ALLION

(c) John Allion, married Grace Frisbe, born December 23. 1897, to them were born:

1. Isabelle Allion Aeschliman, born August 17, 1895, died February 11, 1920.

2. Pauline Allion born December 17, 1897.

3. Margaret Cecil Allion, born February 6, 1900, died February 19, 1910.

4. Genevieve A. Allion, born October 14, 1906.

ALBERT AESCHLEMAN

(d) Isabelle Allion married Alebert Aeschliman, born June 26, 1882. to them was born:

1. Glenn Aeschliman, born June 5, 1918.

BEN ALLION

(c) Ben Allion, married Ann Toune (born 1858, died 1900), to them were born:

1. Mable Allion, born May 17, 1889, died April 5, 1915
2. Floyd Allion, born July 10, 1891
3. Ray O. Allion, born December 22 1892.
3. Zelma A. Allion, born February 18, 1895.
5. Alma E. Allion, born December 25, 1898.

(c) Ben Allion, married Emily Eley, born January 24, 1872, to them were born:

1. Wilber E. Allion, born December 1, 1904.
2. Berniece E. Allion, born Feb. 2, 1907, died Jan. 19, 1911.
3. Ruth E. Allion, born May 17, 1909.
4. Laverne Allion, born April 5, 1911.

GEORGE ALLION

(c) George Allion, married Semilda Jackson, born Sept. 29, 1882, to them was born:

1. George Allion born January 4, 1906.

DAN ALLION

(c) Dan Allion, married Flora Baer, born September 26, 1873, died January 8, 1908, to them were born:

1. Dale Allion, born December 12, 1895.
2. Fern Allion born May 9, 1903.

Dan Allion, married Jennie Todd, born May 1870, to them were born:

- 1 Edyth Naomi Allion, born January 6 1917.

SAM ALLION

- (c) Sam Allion married Stella Briner, to them were born
1 Lecil Allion, born Jan. 5, 1910.

FRANK CORKLE

- (c) Lena Allion married Frank Corkle born September 7, 1873, to them were born:

1. Gladys Corkle, born October 7, 1898
- 2 Ellison Corkle, born August 4, 1900
- 3 Sterling Corkle, born August 28, 1903
- 4 Robert Corkle, born September 17 1914.

VERNE KUNKLE

- (d) Gladys Corkle married Verne Kunkle born June 7 1897, to them were born:

1. Frances Kunkle, born November 11, 1919.

JOHN SCHAFFNER

- (c) Sarah Allion, married John Schaffner, born January 10, 1867, to them were born:

1. Gerald Schaffner, born September 27, 1907.
2. Gaylord Schaffner, born April 5, 1909.

CHRISTOPHER ALLION

- (a) Christopher Allion, married Katherin Vollmer, to them were born:

1. William Allion.
2. Jacob Allion.
3. Elizabeth Allion, married Michael Augustine
- 4 Mike Allion, born May 30 1820
5. Karl Allion.
- 6 Fred Allion, born May 13, 1825, came to America in 1852.
7. Christopher Allion
- 8 and 9, died quite young.
10. Lewis Allion, came to America with Fred Allion at age of 15 years.

- (b) Katherine Allion Kneer, mother of John Utz came to America in 1854.

MIKE ALLION

(b) Mike Allion, married Katherine Volmer, to them were born:

1. Michael Allion, who remained in Germany.
2. Magdalena Allion Miller, mother of Lewis W. Miller, she died in Germany.
3. Katherine Allion, married Christ Beer, to them were born Ferd and Sarah Beer, who resided in Canada near New Hamburg.
4. Margaret Allion, who married Jacob Loesch, came to America in 1872 resided at Lansing Michigan.
5. Fred K Allion, born April 9, 1858, came to America in June 1873, married Leona Taylor, to them were born:
 1. Nellie Allion, born August 12, 1888
 2. Emma Allion Noble, born July 27, 1891.
 - 6 Jacob Allion (died aged about 20 years).

JOHN UTZ

(c) John Utz, son of Katherine Kneer, was born July 6, 1858. He married Amelia Wayne, born October 27, 1860, died December 29, 1883.

John Utz, married Elizabeth Sherer, born February 18, 1862, died February 27, 1921, to them were born:

1. Henry F. Utz, who died in infancy.
 - 2 Rosa F. Utz, born April 7, 1887.
 - 3 Marion L. Utz, born March 2, 1891
 - 4 Clara M. Utz, born January 14, 1894.
 - 5 Jessie A. Utz, born July 23, 1898.
- Clara and Jessie Utz lost their lives in the Miami and Erie Canal by breaking thru the ice near Waterville, February 21, 1917.

(d) Rosa Utz, married Lewis Ammon, to them were born:

- 1 Maggie Ammon.
- 2 Walda J. Ammon.

- - *Lauber Hill* - -

A brief account of the First Settlement in German Township, Fulton County, O., written by J. W. Roseborough, in June 1896, from information gleaned from Rev. Jacob Bender, one of the original pioneers.

BY H. D. MEISTER

The township of German was organized in 1840, and belonged at that time to Lucas county. Fulton county was organized in 1850, from territory belonging previously to Lucas, Henry and Williams counties. The first settlers of German township arrived and began the first settlement in the township August 23rd 1834, at what is now called Lauber's Hill, two miles east of Burlington. The manner of the settlement, and by whom made, will appear in the course of the following sketch of the life of Mr. Binder, a member of one of the families making the said first settlement.

Jacob Binder, the fifth child, and only son of Jacob and Mary (Stuckey) Binder, was born near Mulhausen, in Alsace,—then a part of France, now of Germany—May 11, 1826. The eldest child of the family was Catherine, afterwards the wife of Aaron Mead. The next, Anna who became the wife of Jacob G. Wildin. The third, Barbara, married Jacob Lantz. Mary, the fourth child, first married Samuel Burkholder, and after his death, John Leininger, Sr. Sophrona, the daughter next younger than Jacob, became the wife of Michael Figy Regina, the youngest daughter, married Jacob, the brother of Michael Figy.

On the 8th day of March 1834, Mr. Binder and family, together with Christian Lauber and Christian Rupp, and their respective families, all of Alsace, in the vicinity of Mulhausen, a city about 18 miles from the northwest boundary line of Switzerland, started for America. Mr. Lauber's family consisted of his wife, Magdalena (Zimmerman) and four children—Magdalene, later the wife of John Rupp; Elizabeth, afterwards the wife of Nicholas Roth; Barbara who married Peter Short, and Christian Jr., who married Catherine Wyse, sister of John F. and Peter Wyse. Mr. Rupp's family was composed of himself and wife, Christina (Stuckey) and four children—Christian Jr., who married Magdalene Roth; Anna, who married John Wyse, brother of Christian Wyse; Christina, who became the wife of Jacob King, and Magdalene, who married Moses Burkholder. These three families, numbering twenty-one in all, started together, as we have stated, for America, March 8th, 1834. They employed three teams and wagons and drove through to Havre, France, in 17 days. Here they were detained some two weeks waiting for a vessel. About the 8th of April they took ship and sailed for New York, consuming about seven weeks in the voyage. The trip was long and tedious. Sometimes the ocean was perfectly smooth no wind whatever being in motion, at which time the ship stood motionless. They reached New York the latter part of June, without special accident or loss. Great was their joy upon first beholding the New World and especially were they impressed and delighted with the sight of the Metropolis of America, as viewed from the approaching ship. The city with its great buildings, lofty spires and long ranges of evergreen trees presented a spectacle beautiful and magnificent to behold. On their way across the ocean they were passed by a large vessel, containing many emigrants from Schaffhausen, Switzerland, bound also for America. Our three families remained only a short time in New York. From that city they came to Buffalo by way of Albany. From Buffalo they came on the lake to Cleveland; thence they went on the canal to the little town of Fulton in Stark county where they were met by one Petr Schrock, and a number of other generous Amish brethren, who conveyed them to their comfortable homes in the vicinity of what is now called Marshallville, Wayne County, Ohio. Here they remained and visited their well to do friends for six weeks. Their entertainers were blessed with fine farms and handsome buildings. These or similar ones, our newly arrived immigrants were unable to purchase, having but a limited supply of means. During the six weeks the Mulhausen families remained in Wayne County they met there a number of the emigrants from Schaffhausen, Switzerland who had passed them on the ocean on the large ship. Though they had resided some fifty miles apart in their native land and were previously not personally acquainted, they were all Amish. Of these families from Switzerland were the following: 1st, Jacob Kibler and wife Susan (Meister) and seven children—Jacob, George, Heronimus, Elizabeth, Mary, Susan and Melchior. Jacob married Elizabeth Yost, Heronimus married Barbara Schlatter, Elizabeth married Jacob Lehman, Mary married Daniel Zimmerman, Susan married John Bernath, Melchior died young.

2nd, John George Meister and wife (Margaret Keller) and 12 children—Susan, later the wife of Peter Keifer; Jacob; George, whose first wife was Magdalene Allion, and whose second was Elizabeth Myers; Anna, who became the wife of Christian Zimmerman; John; Fanny, afterwards the wife of Christian Gautsche; Margaret, later the wife of Joseph Noward; Mary, the wife of Harmon Spengler; Christian, who married Pauline Allion; Benedict, who married first Anna Allion, and after her death, Susan Ernst; Daniel, who married Sophia Myers. Besides those we have just named, Mr. and Mrs. Meister had four other chil-

dren, of these two died in Europe when young, one in Switzerland, the other at Rouen (France) while the parents were on their way to America. Two, Joseph and John were born in America. Joseph never married. John married Elizabeth Zimmerman, sister of Jacob Zimmerman, and daughter of Daniel and Mary Kibler Zimmerman.

3rd, John VanGundy, a widower, having four children two boys and two girls. Barbara, the eldest child later became the wife of Rudolph Eyer, and died near Bloomington, Ill. Anna died single in Butler county, O. John who is of the same age as Mr. Jacob Binder, our subject, is now an Amish minister in one of the western states. Joseph, the youngest, died in Providence, on the way out from Wayne county.

Our immigrants, in view of their large families and limited means, after due consultation, resolved to go further west, and select lands for themselves. The following persons were chosen to make selections: Jacob Kibler, J. George Meister, Christian Rupp and Peter Wyse. Mr. Wyse, a resident of Wayne county, accompanied them in the capacity of guide and interpreter. In the meantime the rest of the immigrants remained in Wayne county. The committee appointed proceeded on foot to Putnam county, but finding there the land too level and wet and solid timber too scarce, they went into the vicinity of Ft. Wayne, Ind. There they found the land and timber much the same as in Putnam county. From Ft. Wayne they came back to Defiance, O. There they heard of one Joseph Bates, eighteen miles north, a noted hunter, and a man with a broad and accurate knowledge of the country. Mr. Bates then lived on what is now known as the John Shilling farm in the southwestern part of Franklin township, Fulton county. To him they gladly came. They found him to be the man they exactly needed; brave, active, generous, and thoroughly posted on the conditions of the country and the needs of new settlers. He gave them a cordial reception and took them six miles east of his place to what is now called Lauber's Hill, and now one of the richest and most beautiful sections to be found anywhere in our state, but then a wild and dreary wilderness. Here they resolved to locate. They selected eight hundred acres of land, went to the U. S. land office at Wapakoneta, and entered the same, after which they returned to Wayne county, having spent two weeks in the business and having done all the traveling on foot. The next important practical question that presented itself to the newcomers was how, with their families and goods, to reach their newly acquired lands in the wild woods, a hundred and sixty or more miles distant. To accomplish this, five wagons and five yoke of oxen were purchased. Each of the five families that went to the new homes, purchasing a wagon and yoke of oxen. The following are the families and persons who first came to what is now German township and made the first settlement therein:

1st, Jacob Binder and wife and the following of his children: Anna, Jacob, Sophronia and Regina. Mr. Binder's other daughters came a little later.

2nd, Christian Lauber, wife and four children.

3rd, Jacob Kibler and the following of his children - Jacob, George, Heronimus, Elizabeth and Mary. Mrs. Kibler, Susan and Maechter remained for a time in Wayne county.

4th, J. George Meister, and the following of his children - Jacob, George, John and Anna. His wife and the other children came on later.

5th, John VanGundy and his three children, Joseph, the fourth and youngest of his four children, aged two or three years, died, as stated above, on the way out. Accompanying these families were Nicholas King, Samuel Burkholder, Christian Riegseker, and Nicholas Gehr, otherwise called Nicholas Wenger, because Mrs. Wenger, a widow lady, brought him to this country from Switzerland. Gehr entered, for Mrs. Wenger, who remained in Wayne county, the west half of the southeast quarter of section 10, town seven north range five east, and underbrushed about an acre of it, then returned to Wayne county with King and Burkholder, who had only come with the settlers to aid them in getting started. Mr. Gehr was a man of education and ability and a fine German writer. In the Cleveland "Kirchen Zeitung" of January 14, 1896, appeared from his pen, in German, a very interesting, accurate and graphical account of the first settlement of German township, in 1834. He became an able minister in the Reformed church, resided in Philadelphia, Pa., and died a short time since aged about 80 years. In their journey to the west our immigrants came through Wooster, Ashland, Lower Sandusky, now Fremont, to Perrysburgh where they crossed the Maumee river. In crossing the river, there being then no bridge, Mr. Binder, with his wagon, struck a large stone, and but for the help of others would have been unable to have extricated himself. Having crossed the river they proceeded westward to Napoleon, which place they reached after a very tedious journey with ox teams of about one hundred and sixty miles, having traveled at the rate of about ten miles a day. At this time there was but one house in Napoleon, and that was a log house. This, our subject thinks, was occupied in part at least, by a man named Wolfe, others say by a Mr. Henson. It is not improbable that at that time, both of these men lived in the house. How from Napoleon, to reach their point of destination, nearly twenty miles north and west through a dense and trackless forest, was a present, pressing and perplexing question. They finally decided to employ a surveyor to locate the most direct route. They estimated that no more than two days would be required to do this. Eight men accompanied the surveyor to "blaze" trees, and

otherwise assist in the work. At the end of the first day the company found that they had advanced only eight miles. Here in the thick woods and countless myriads of mosquitoes they were compelled to camp for the night. Realizing

that their supply of food for the trip was inadequate they dispatched two of their men to Napoleon for additional rations, the remaining men continuing the survey. Instead of at Lauber's Hill, the surveyors came out where the village of Burlington now is, two miles west of the point aimed at. When they finally reached the place sought it was night and they were without food, shelter or bed to sleep on. To still further add to their discomfort a heavy rain and thunder storm came on, and they all became thoroughly wet to the skin. They built a large fire and stood about it with clothes wringing wet, the long, long night through, the wind blowing, the tops of the trees waving, the thunder roaring and the lightning flashing at a fearful rate most of the night. In the morning without supper or breakfast without sleep or rest, and still wet, they had no alternative but to begin their return trip to Napoleon. Fortunately for them, about noon they met the two men with the provisions ordered. Scarcely ever, perhaps was food devoured with kenner relish. The night following they camped where they had done the first night of the survey. The next day they reached Napoleon having spent four days on the trip. Here they found six of their companions down sick with those, other plagues of the west, fever and ague. Orders, however were at once issued, for all who had "hands and feet" to lay hold and help open a road on the surveyed line, the wagons and all together advancing as the road was opened. At meal times forks were driven into the ground, on which poles were placed. On these pots for cooking were hung. Water was secured, such as it was, from holes dug two or three feet in the ground. At night they slept in their wagons and otherwise, as best they could, and fought mosquitoes with fire and smoke. After eleven long days spent in severe toil and slow movement, they finally reached August 22nd, 1834, the point in the forest where they proposed to make their future homes. Here in the deep woods, without a house or a foot of cleared land, strangers, unacquainted with the laws of the country, and with its general customs and language, more than four thousand miles from their native land, totally ignorant of frontier life, and of its methods and instruments of labor, many of them too, already sick, and thirty miles or more from market or doctor, the situation was gloomy indeed.

In the face of all these difficulties and discouragements the heroic people resolved bravely to persevere in there effort to make for themselves independent homes. For a time they slept in their wagons and under roofs constructed of brush and leaves. The first house built was a cabin about 20X24 feet on Mr. Christian Lauber's land, about thirty rods north of the site of the brick house in which Samuel Lauber, a grandson, now resides. By reason of sickness, six men of all the settlers were able to help put up the house. Joseph Bates and his hired man kindly came about six miles and greatly assisted in raising the building. It took them two days of hard labor to erect it. There was not a nail in any of the early houses. Other buildings of a similar character were soon after erected for the different other families on their respective lands, except that for Mr. Binder, because of his disability occasioned by continued illness for six months, a small cabin was built near Mr. Lauber's house and on his land. Of this small cabin about twelve by fourteen feet, one half the floor was made of split puncheons. The other half was the ground. In this shanty, without chimney, the fire being built on the ground, the Binder family spent their first winter in America. Their little cabin, our subject tells us, was often so full of smoke that the inmates were often very nearly strangled. In the spring he says the family and goods in house were about the color of smoked ham. While smoke by times thus gave the settlers annoyance, it did them at other times, and not infrequently at the same time, almost invaluable services in shielding them from the ravenous assault of the numberless hosts of mosquitoes that pestered them night and day, much of the time except winters. Except Mr. Kibler, the settlers were poor, and for a number of years experienced much difficulty in procuring sufficient quantities of provisions for their families, in provender for their cattle. They had to go to Maumee to mill and market, and to reach it for want of any other road, had to go by the way of Napoleon. This made the distance about forty-five miles. It generally took about a week's time to drive there and back with their ox teams, over such roads as they then had. The roads especially in wet weather, were often next to impassable. To illustrate their hardships of this kind we will relate one instance.

On one occasion, Mr. Lauber and another of the settlers, took a wagon and two yoke of oxen and went to Maumee for provisions. On their way back they reached Brush Creek, about two miles distant from their homes. The creek at that time was wide and deep, the ground beneath soft, and from the long journey with the wagon and load, over bad roads, the oxen were jaded and tired. Still, impelled by a keen sense of their nearness to their homes, and with the knowledge of the necessity of being there with the provisions, they urged the oxen into and half way across the stream. There, however, the oxen stopped, being entirely exhausted. All effort to get them to move on were fruitless. It was night, and the men left oxen unyoked and wagon and went to their homes. Returning next morning they found the wagon and oxen where they had left them the evening before. It was cold, and during the night, ice had frozen over the creek. The tails of the cattle were actually frozen fast in the ice. The men broke the ice over the water, waded in and drove the oxen out and home, leaving the wagon and provisions. The following night the ice froze so solid that the men came the next day and slid the provisions over the stream on the ice.

Sometimes, from waiting too long before starting to mill or from detention on the way, the settlers came near perishing for want of food. Raccoons, woodchucks, the flesh of animals that had starved to death, wild weeds, vegetables, not esteemed fit for human food and bran and water mixed, were used for food in order to keep soul and body together. Our subject says he has himself actually fainted for want of food. For the cattle, for sometime after the settlement began, little grass or hay could be secured. To keep their cattle alive winters, they had no horses for years; trees were cut down by the settlers that their animals might eat the tops, which they did with great eagerness. Quite a number, however, of their oxen and cows, in spite of all their efforts, died from want of feed. Why, it may be asked, did not these people kill wild game in the woods where, in large numbers, such game abounded? The answer is, those people were not hunters, and had, for quite a time, neither guns nor ammunition. Our subject now nearly seventy years of age, and for sixty-two years a resident of this vicinity, says he never had any relish for hunting. He, in common with the rest of the first settlers, very much preferred chopping, rail-making and clearing to hunting or fishing. He says that through his life he has observed that those who made the most money, and prospered best, were those who most faithfully stuck to their work and their farms. But for the faithful services and kindness of his three sisters, Catherine, Anna and Barbara, who obtained at from fifty to seventy-five cents a week, employment among residents along the Maumee river, Mr. Binder tells us, he believes his father's family would have certainly perished. As small and seemingly insignificant as were their wages, these brave girls not only supported themselves therewith, but mainly for several years, their father's family.

What we wrote some years ago of these heroic pioneer daughters we shall here repeat: "Soon after Mr. Binder came into the woods, his three daughters, Catherine, Anna and Barbara, all young women, went out to work. Barbara went to Providence, Anna to Napoleon, and Catherine to some point nine miles from the latter place. About the first of January, 1836 Catherine became homesick and resolved to go home. The distance was twenty-four miles, all of which had to be traversed on foot. From Napoleon to her home in German was still a dense, unbroken wilderness. She started, called upon and took her sister Anna, at Napoleon, with her. They traveled for some distance, but finally lost their way and were compelled to spend the cold, dreary night in the dismal forest, liable at any time to fall a prey to the wild beasts with which the woods were then filled. They finally sat down on a large log and remained there until morning. As the night passed they dreamed of being at their father's house, seated by a pleasant fire. In the morning they retraced their steps until they came to the path from whence the day before they had wandered. They were both weary and hungry. The provision they had brought with them had become so hard frozen that they could not eat it. Their feet, the day before, had become wet and their stockings were now frozen upon their feet. Yet, upon finding the path again, so glad were they, that they almost forgot their sufferings, from their fond hope of soon again seeing their home and dear friends. Soon after they found their way, they distinctly heard the stroke of an ax or tomahawk against a tree, and at once surmised it was done by an Indian. A few moments confirmed their suspicions. Looking forward, not ten rods distant, directly approaching them, on their path, a tall, athletic Indian, armed with knife and tomahawk. They were greatly alarmed, but determined to continue on their path, as no better alternative offered. He proved to be a young and friendly Indian, who, after in his language, asking them how far to next "wigwam" and receiving an answer from the girls in German, continued his course. They finally came in sight of their father's cabin, and upon nearing it, humble as it was, their hearts beat with joy, Catherine observing to Anna how beautifully the smoke ascended above their little home. After remaining a few days with their people, the two girls started again for Napoleon. Having got several miles into the woods, on their way, they saw the tracks of a huge bear in the freshly fallen snow, and were filled with consternation, expecting any moment to meet old Bruin himself. They had not proceeded far before they saw, at a considerable distance, in advance of them, an object in motion, resembling a human being, loaded down with clothes, put on in every conceivable shape. It was their sister Barbara, on her way home from Providence. She said she was sick and wanted the gentleman for whom she worked to bring her home. He refused, not wanting to lose her services. She determined to "go home sick or well" and accordingly bundled up her clothes and started on her journey of thirty miles. She, also lost her way. After wandering around for a long time she finally came in sight of a house, which upon approaching, she found unoccupied. It was now night, and she concluded to spend the night in the house. But it looked so desolate and lonely she feared to stay in it. Finding, her brother tells us, an old bake oven, she crawled into that, but fearing an attack by some wild beast, and that she would there be helpless, with no chance of escape, she came out, and sat all night on the house porch. To keep herself from freezing, she very prudently put on all the clothing she had. The next day, as above stated, she met her two sisters. They directed her to follow their tracks and assured her she would safely reach home, which she did."

